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(TOURISTS)

ANN ARBOR, MICH.--EUGENE POWER, A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES TWO AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO WERE REPORTED EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA FRIDAY, "ASKED FOR THEIR TROUBLE."

POWER WAS REFERRING TO MARK KAMINSKY OF EDWARDSBURG, MICH., AND HARVEY C. BENNETT OF BATH, MAINE, BOTH 26, WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING IN THE SOVIET UNION SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER.

POWER SAID HE AND HIS SON, PHILIP, 22, WERE MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF TOURISTS WHICH INCLUDED BENNETT AND KAMINSKY ON A TOUR OF A RUSSIAN CHAMPAGNE FACTORY IN KIEV, AUG.

HE SAID THAT NIGHT, PHILIP JOINED KAMINSKY'S TABLE AT A RESTAURANT IN KIEV AT WHICH TIME KAMINSKY TOLD HIM:

"WE THINK WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED. EVERYWHERE WE GO, IT SEEMS THERE'S A CAR OR PEDESTRIAN TAILING US."

POWER SAID KAMINSKY TOLD HIS SON THAT THE PAIR WERE PLANNING TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY OF A RUSSIAN MAN WHO HAD DEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES AND FOR PHILIP TO "CONTACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IF WE TURN UP MISSING."

AT THE SAME TIME, POWERS SAID, KAMINSKY REVEALED TO PHILIP THE PAIR'S PLANS TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF A SUBMARINE INSTALLATION WHICH WAS IN A "RESTRICTED AREA," THE FOLLOWING DAY, AUG. 18.

"I PRESUME THEY HAD NO CLEARANCE TO DO THIS," POWER SAID. "FRANKLY, I THINK THEY ASKED FOR THEIR TROUBLE."

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